

THE NEWS OF NORFOLK ON PAGES 2, 3 & 5.

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LOST.

LOST—A LADY'S GOLD WATCH: Has inscription on inside, "W. D. S. to M. M. P. P." finder will please return to W. D. SHELTON, care of C. H. Diggs, Main street. m10-3*

WANTED.

WANTED—A QUIET, MIDDLE-AGED white woman as housekeeper for man and two children; one who has no relatives here preferred; good wages to the right party. Address F. A. GOSMAN, Norfolk, Va. mail-2*

WANTED—BOARDING HOUSE keeper, family to board; foreman and teamsters; about 10 miles from Norfolk; Northern cooking preferred. Address A. C. X., this office. 1*

WANTED—12 CARPENTERS. At once. Apply Warehouse No. 3, Pinner's Point. 1*

WANTED—WOMEN, COOKS AND general house women, chambermaids and waiters; girls to go North and live with private families in all cities North; tickets advanced. Please call at B. F. VAIDEN'S, 403 Church street, Norfolk, Va. mail-3*

BOOKKEEPER—(32); COMPETENT, accurate, practical and reliable; wishes position; kind of office work; will start very low; references. Address G. VIRGINIAN-PILOT. mail-1*

REFINED YOUNG COUPLE WANT nicely furnished room and board with private family; amusing young couple; references; references; references; terms \$8 per week. No. 433, this office. 1*

WANTED—A GOOD BUDDY TRIMMER. Address THE ELIZABETH CITY BUGGY CO., Elizabeth City, N. C. mail-10*

WANTED—A YOUNG LADY CLERK, at LANGBALE'S, 250 Church st. Apply after 10 a. m. mail-10*

WANTED—THREE OR FOUR NICE gentlemen as boarders; good accommodations and board. 504 Freeman street. mail-3*

BRIGHT YOUNG MAN OF CHRISTIAN character, desires position as stenographer and office assistant; has knowledge of bookkeeping; can give references as to character. Address C. VIRGINIAN-PILOT office. mail-3*

WANTED—TO BUY SECOND-HAND lath machine and two boilers for lath mill; address, stating best cash price, "SAW MILL," care this office. Mail-4*

WANTED—SALESMAN FOR SPECIAL territory. Experience required. Salary and commission. Bring references. J. WALLACE HOYT, New Atlantic Hotel. ap2-1*

WANTED—PARTIES SEEKING EMPLOYMENT in Norfolk and vicinity save money by calling at Bureau for Employment and Labor. You pay only after securing a position. ROOM 15, over 5 and 10c. Store. ap3-1*

WANTED—SEWING MACHINES TO repair, any make. Sewing machines, \$20 and up. W. BEASLEY, 109 Church street, city. f20-1*

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—TWO OR THREE NICE furnished rooms for gentlemen, or man and wife, 15th Street, near 1st; modern conveniences. mail-1*

FOR RENT—NICE FURNISHED room, for gentlemen, at 383 Bute street, corner of Monticello avenue; all modern conveniences. mail-1*

FOR RENT—NO. 24 FREEMAN STREET; all modern conveniences. Possession at once. BYRD, BALDWIN & CO. ap2-1m

FOR RENT—STABLES CORNER of location for sales, livery and boarding business. Rent moderate. Possession at once. BYRD, BALDWIN & CO., Hadlington Building. ap2-1*

FOR RENT—NICE FURNISHED rooms at reasonable rates, 241 Church street, opp Old St. Paul's Church. ap3-1m

FOR RENT—EXCELLENT COTTAGE at Virginia Beach for season 1900—15th of May to 15th September. Large grounds; modern sewerage; good drinking water; near Princess Anne Hotel. For terms and particulars apply to Room 30 Citizens' Bank Building. mh15-1*

BOARDERS.

BOARDERS—A SUBURBAN HOME wishes a few boarders; beautiful home, four acres, shady lawn; view perfect; house well kept; all modern improvements; no children or servants in kitchen. Address MRS. T. J. W., 111 High street, Charlottesville, Va. mail-10*

NICE ROOM, WITH BOARD, SUITABLE for two; rates reasonable. 59 Holt street. Mail-1*

SPECIAL NOTICES.

TO MICHEL SORNEK, LATE OF 2409 Church Street, Norfolk, Virginia.—You are hereby notified that a final decree for a divorce has been granted against you at the suit of Rose Sornek, your wife, which will be heard in the Court of Common Pleas, No. 3, Philadelphia County, State of Pennsylvania, of June Term, 1899, No. 3, on Monday, the 4th day of June, 1900, on which day you may appear and show cause, if you have, why such divorce should not be granted against you. WILLIAM SANDBERG, Attorney for Libellant. mail-10*

MME. GATES, PRACTICAL WIG maker, the reliable hair dressing, shampooing, manicuring, face and scalp massage parlors. Twelve years at the forefront over 5 and ten-cent store. Norfolk, Va. Mail-1*

PIANOS TUNED.

We employ two expert Piano Tuners, women who thoroughly understand their business. Work guaranteed. Prompt attention given mail orders. STEPHEN WARREN, 60 Granby street. Phone 1109. ap1-1*

DR. HARMON, the only exclusive Optician. Eyes examined free. A large stock of Artificial Eyes. 353 MAIN STREET. ap1-1*

MONEY TO LOAN IN ANY amounts, no delay! easiest terms. LEO JUDSON, owner of Music Building. ap19-1*

\$20,000 TO LEND.—NATIONAL Building Association, of Baltimore. Apply to W. B. SALE, Attorney, Room 33 Lowenberg Building, Norfolk, Va. fall-1*

\$25,000 TO LEND ON THE Building and Loan Association plan. W. H. SARGENT, Jr., Room 34, Lowenberg Bldg. nol-1*

MONEY Ready; no waiting! Quick Loans on household furniture while in use. Mortgages and other securities; liberal advances on salaries, rents, annuities, estates and permanent incomes. Interviews strictly private and all transactions rigidly confidential. NORFOLK MORTGAGE LOAN COMPANY, W. H. Hoffheimer, now No. 35 Main street, Morris Office Building, suite 5, 6 and 7. ap1-1*

A Free Trip to Paris! Reliable persons of a mechanical or inventive mind, who will accept of a trip to Paris, with good food and expenses, will be paid. The PATENT RECORD, Baltimore, Md. ap1-1*

MAYOR'S MESSAGE OUT.

Most Complete Message Yet Issued by Norfolk's Chief Executive

Covers The Fiscal Years Ending June 30th, 1898 and 1899—Excellent Showing Made

In All Departments Of The Government
Interest Reduction—Advance In Educational Facilities—A Low Death Rate.

The annual report of Hon. C. Brooks Johnston, Mayor of Norfolk, has just been issued from the press of Burke & Gregory.

The report covers the fiscal years ending June 30th, 1898 and 1899 and it is notable for its size, mass of carefully prepared detailed information, excellence of arrangement and typographical excellence. The report includes a carefully prepared and comprehensive review of matters relating to municipal affairs, and the following reports to His Honor, the Mayor: Reports of the City Treasurer; Report of City Auditor; Report of Board of Water Commissioners; Report of Board of Street, Sewer and Drain Commissioners; Report of Superintendent of Public Schools; Report of Board of Health; Report of Commissioner of Revenue; Report of Chief of Police; and Report of Chief of Fire Department.

FIGURES OF INTEREST

In his report City Treasurer H. S. Herman, in making an extremely creditable showing, says: "It cannot but interest the citizens of Norfolk to know the great saving to the city by being able to dispose of 4 per cent bonds. If the bonds maturing in 1900 and 1901 are refunded at 4 per cent, the annual saving to the city in interest will be \$28,614. This does not include the saving on new bonds, amounting to \$915,000, that have been issued since October, 1898. It is also a pleasure to note that since November, 1897, it has not been necessary for the city to make loans to meet current expenses or interest on her bonds."

THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

The Water Commissioners, in their report say, "we have the pleasure to report that the work of the Department is succeeding admirably, and that the work upon the large and extensive improvement in the acquisition of the Little Creek extension, whereby we trust to acquire a supply of water has been completed. The work thus far, as we are able to judge, has been done in a competent and thorough manner, although a sufficient time has not yet elapsed for us to thoroughly test its efficiency. . . . We have taken every means consistent with proper economy to prevent an improper waste of the water, and also to equalize the assessments and rents, which, owing to lapse of time, had grown into a somewhat disorganized condition."

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The report on our public schools is of great interest. It gives figures as follows—Total enrollment, 3,343; No. teachers, 65; No. school buildings, 10; Total cost of public education for the year ending July 31, 1899, \$48,057.66.

HEALTH OF THE CITY.

The vital statistics in the report of the health department shows good sanitary conditions.

During the year ending June 30, 1899

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FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—TWO FINE BICYCLES: Ladies' and gentlemen's; high grade; perfect condition; with lanterns, bells, cyclometers; a pure bargain; call mornings till 12 at 418 Freeman st. mail-3*

FOR SALE—SEVERAL ELEGANT lots on the Elizabeth River, near the Country Club, with riparian rights; will build you a house to suit you on any of them on reasonable terms. C. E. TOWNSEND, 19 Dartmouth street. mail-13*

FOR SALE—TYPEWRITERS: WE are selling this month 50 Calligraph machines at \$20 and \$25 each; manufacturers' price \$35 to \$40. F. S. VEBSTER CO., 315 Broadway, N. Y. mail-10*

FOR SALE—TWO NICE, SMALL houses, No. 1 and 2 Maple avenue, cheap. If sold at once, apply to MRS. KATE GEUDER, 92 West Highland avenue. mail-10*

SPECIAL NOTICES.

BEAUTIFUL FLUFFY HAIR GIVEN away; shampoo with Gold Leaf Hair Wash; it cures every case of dandruff, thoroughly clearing the scalp, preventing the hair falling out, giving it that beautiful, soft shade and fluffy appearance so much desired by ladies; for 10 days I will give away 100 bottles for 25c. each, usual price, 50c. each; it is used in England by the Queen and royal family. MME. GATES, The Reliable Hair Parlor, over 5c. and 10c. store, Norfolk, Va. mail-1*

A CARD—THIS IS TO INFORM THE public that Mr. B. L. Dozier has no longer any connection with the Imperial Saloon, 1215 Main street, Norfolk, Va. JAMES TWIFORD, Proprietor. Mail-10*

ARE YOU GOING TO EUROPE? Save time, money and trouble by getting lowest rate and full information for Paris Exposition. HENRY BRANDT & SON., official agents for all foreign lines, 339 Main street. ap3-1*

LADIES NEEDING TREATMENT for Irregularities, Leucorrhoea or any other Ovarian Troubles consult DR. JACKSON, 112 W. Mulberry street, Baltimore, Md. Private sanitarium; trained nurses.

DRESSMAKING DONE BY MRS. M. B. Hodges. Perfect fit guaranteed. Latest Paris and New York styles. Parlor, 29 Granby street, opposite Atlantic Hotel. ap15-1*

NORFOLK DYEING, CLEANING and Repairing Co.—Ladies' Suits cleaned; Gent's Suits dyed, \$2.00; cleaned and pressed, 75c.; pants pressed, 50c.; carpets a specialty. 441 Main. New phone 201. Old phone 1055.

ADIES, YOUR HAIR, DO NOT make a mistake in the address; poor shampooing by inexperienced persons is injurious; poor cheap hair goods, or work by inexperienced persons is dear in the end. The Reliable Hair Parlor is over 5 and ten-cent store, Main street. Twelve years at one address. MME. GATES. Mail-10*

ADIES! Use Chichesters' English Pennyroyal Pills. Best! Safe! Only Reliable! Take no other. Buy of your Druggists, or send 10c. stamps for particulars. Chichesters' Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

there were in Norfolk 1,069 deaths—437 white, 632 colored. On an estimated total population of 65,000—43,113 white, and 21,887 colored. The annual death rate of Norfolk was as follows: White 10.13; colored, 25.37. Average death rate 16.44.

The message contains nearly 300 pages of matter. It will be presented to the Councils at their next meeting and copies will be sent out to various city governments throughout the country.

AGAINST CONVENTION.

CHAIRMAN PARK AGNEW ADVISES REPUBLICANS HOW TO VOTE.

That the leading Democrats of the recent State Convention were right when they said that the Republicans would oppose with all their might the calling of a Constitutional Convention, is shown by the following circular sent out to Republicans all over the State by Chairman Park Agnew:

"Republicans of Virginia: Our State Convention, at Norfolk, spoke in plain terms against a Constitutional Convention, and I urgently request every Republican voter in the State to cast his ballot against a convention."

"Section 4 of the bill is as follows: A ballot deposited with the words, 'For Constitutional Convention,' printed thereon, shall be a vote for a convention, and a ballot deposited with the words, 'For Constitutional Convention,' erased or stricken out, shall be a vote against a convention."

"See that your ballots are prepared as directed above, by striking out 'For Constitutional Convention,' and adding nothing thereto, as any addition or change will produce a defaced ballot, and cause it to be thrown out by the election officers."

"Let every Republican voter get to the polls on the 24th of May, 1900, and show this attempted outrage under."

"Owing to the shortness of time to the date of election, it was impossible to convene the committee, and I have, therefore, issued this call, as I deem it a matter of urgent necessity."

"Respectfully," "PARK AGNEW," "State Chairman," Alexandria, Va., May 7th.

YESTERDAY'S RACES.

THREE EVENTS—BROWER, SAPHIRA AND AINSWORTH THE WINNERS.

The races at the track of the Virginia State Fair and Agricultural Association yesterday afternoon drew out a fair crowd of spectators. The day was a little cool for great speed, but the track was in fine condition and the events were well contested and very enjoyable.

THE 2.25 TROT. The first race was the 2.25 trot with three entries as follows: Brower, br. g.; Bow Bell, Jr., br. s.; Dot, b. g. Brower won in two straight heats, time 2.27½, 2.24½; Bow Bell, Jr., second, and Dot, third.

THE 2.16 PACE. This resulted in a victory for Saphira, gr. m., in straight heats, time, 2.21½, 2.19½. Miss Grace, b. m., second; Frank Patchen, blk. g., third.

FREE FOR-ALL RACE. The last race, a free-for-all, was won by Ainsworth, b. g., who took the 2nd and 3rd heats in 2.17½ and 2.21½. Book-er, ch. g., won the first heat in 2.18½.

The judges were Messrs. R. S. Cromwell, Dr. Glechrist and John Kelly. Timers—James Hannan and John Marler; Secretary—Wm. Dillon; Starting Judge, Mr. A. R. Ackley, of Philadelphia. Mr. Ackley is a well-known starter who has been in Norfolk on many occasions and has a host of friends in this vicinity. Many of Mr. Ackley's friends think, as a starter, he can measure up with Mr. Frank Walker.

A FORMER NORFOLKIAN.

MR. C. C. HOUSTON, OF ATLANTA, WILL PROBABLY GO TO THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE.

Chief of Police Kizer has recently returned from a trip through North and South Carolina and Georgia on business connected with the police department. While in Atlanta, Chief Kizer saw Mr. C. C. Houston, the well-known former Norfolk printer, who is now connected with the Atlanta Journal, and is also editor of the Journal of Labor, published weekly in Atlanta. Mr. Houston has grown as popular in the Capital City of Georgia as he was in Norfolk, and is a candidate for the legislature in the Democratic primary to be held in that city on the 15th instant, and his chances for winning are excellent. He has the solid backing of the Atlanta Federation of Trades, composing all the trades' union of that city with a membership of 3,000.

LOOKING FOR A SITE.

NEWLY INCORPORATED COMPANY THAT PROPOSES TO EMPLOY 500 SKILLED MECHANICS.

Various manufacturers in the North and West who are looking for a new and better location are seeking information as to the Norfolk section. Among them is a large company that has recently consolidated several factories and proposes to manufacture brass and art goods on an extensive scale. This concern proposes to build a factory and start with 250 hands, increasing the number until 500 are employed.

Various new locations will be considered, Norfolk among others, if inducements are offered for the establishment of the plant here.

Typographical Error.

In the report of the arraignment of Captain Taylor, of the British steamer Benwick, for obstructing the harbor, yesterday morning's Virginian-Pilot made it appear that the Harbor Commissioners held a bill for tonnage against Captain Taylor. This was a typographical error. It was written "a bill for towage."

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Sick Headache Cured.

promptly by Hick's Capudine; 15 and 25c., at drug stores.

We have just filled in the broken places in our stock with some of the latest novelties in suitings.

RUDOLPHI & WALLACE, 333 Main St. my3

FOUND FOR DEFENDANT

Jury In Case Of Drake vs. Tomlin Renders Decision.

An Interesting Point Involved In The Suit

—Administratrix Qualifies—Liquor License Granted—Restaurant Keeper Sent To Jail For Stabbing A Patron—Other Police Court Items.

The jury in the \$2,500 damage suit of Hayden D. Drake, of Wilson, N. C., against Police Justice R. W. Tomlin for alleged false imprisonment rendered a verdict yesterday afternoon in favor of the defendant. The jury for a long while stood 9 to 3 in favor of a verdict for Justice Tomlin, but after much deliberation the three jurors who wanted to give Drake nominal damages went with the majority.

The interesting point involved in the case was the civil responsibility and liability of a justice in remanding to jail persons arrested on suspicion. A long list of instructions offered by the plaintiff were refused by Judge Hancock, and the following were allowed:

"First. The jury are instructed that false imprisonment is unlawful detention of the person."

"Second. That a judicial officer is protected from civil liability unless he is acting without jurisdiction."

"Third. The court instructs the jury that if they believe from the evidence that the defendant, Robert W. Tomlin, at the time of the arrest and imprisonment of the plaintiff, Drake, Police Justice of the city of Norfolk, that the said Drake was arrested and carried before said Police Justice and charged before him, acting in his official capacity, with being connected with the robbery of a United States postoffice, then the said Police Justice had jurisdiction to hold the said plaintiff for a reasonable time in order to afford an opportunity to inquire into such offence, and the said Robert W. Tomlin is not liable in damages for so doing."

"Fourth. The court instructs the jury that no inquiry can be made by this jury as to the truth or falsity of the charge of postoffice robbery made before the defendant in his official capacity as Police Justice, nor into the evidence before him, as the law makes the Police Justice the judge of these matters, and he cannot be made liable in damages for any erroneous conclusion thereon in cases within his jurisdiction."

"Fifth. The court instructs the jury that the mittimus in this case reciting that the plaintiff, Drake, was held for examination as a suspicious character, is not conclusive evidence of the cause of his detention, and that the Police Justice has a right with the prisoner in custody before him, to hear any other charges against him and to commit him for further examination thereon without sitting out the cause in the mittimus."

The first two of the above were asked by counsel for the plaintiff, and the other three were offered by the defense.

CORPORATION COURT.

In the Corporation Court yesterday Sarah Jones qualified as administratrix of the estate of Samuel Jones, deceased. The following appraisers were appointed: John G. Tilton, F. D. Bolton and J. A. McCarrick.

Peter McGee, a native of Ireland, was granted naturalization papers.

J. W. Cashin was granted a license to carry on a retail liquor business at No. 450 Church street.

THE POLICE COURT.

Addie Hicks, colored, who keeps an eating house up town, went to jail yesterday in default of paying a \$25 fine imposed upon her by Justice Tomlin for stabbing Sam Simmons, colored.

While sitting at her table Wednesday night, Simmons did something to arouse the displeasure of the Hicks woman, and the latter took a knife from the table and inflicted a bad looking wound upon him.

The cases of John T. Mills and W. E. Johnson, both colored, charged with felonious assault in shooting and cutting each other, were continued ten days. Both men are still confined to the jail hospital.

William Steptoe was fined \$11 for assaulting and threatening to kill Lucy Kittrell. Both are colored.

Justice Tomlin ordered a commission of lunacy to investigate Henry Day, colored.

Resolutions of Esteem.

The Board of Lady Managers of the Norfolk Protestant Hospital, at their regular meeting yesterday, adopted the following resolution of esteem for their late president, Captain John L. Roper:

"The Board of Lady Managers of the Norfolk Protestant Hospital, in weekly meeting assembled this 10th day of May, 1900—

Resolved, That whereas Captain Jno. L. Roper, who has been president of the Board of Directors from the very beginning of the hospital, twelve years ago, has seen fit to resign this position, we hereby desire to express to him, as the active workers in this enterprise, our sincere regret that he does not feel himself justifiable in serving longer and positively declines re-election."

Resolved, That while we most highly esteem our new president-elect, we will ever remember our first president, who has always been thoughtful, kind, courteous and considerate of this board."

Resolved, That we highly appreciate his valuable advice, his time and help at all times in our dilemmas, which have meant equally as much as his generous gifts of money, building material and other things through all these years."

Mrs. B. T. BOCKOVER, Mrs. GEO. NEWTON, Mrs. MARY H. BULL, Mrs. F. M. HANNAH, Mrs. R. H. JONES, Mrs. J. H. DAY, Mrs. WM. TAYLOR, Mrs. HELEN SHEFFIELD, Mrs. GEO. C. REID.

Book Of The Royal Blue.

The Book of the Royal Blue for May has as its introductory article "The Alleghenies From a Geological Point of View." The article includes many excellent views of the Shenandoah Valley. "The Black Bass of the Potomac" is an article that will interest all sportsmen. There is also the usual complement of other good things always looked for in the Book of the Royal Blue.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING.

THIRD MEETING OF THE LOCAL ASSEMBLY—INTERESTING SESSION.

The Third Local Assembly of the Daughters of The King of the Episcopal Southern Diocese of Virginia, convened in St. Peter's Church, Brambleton, at 10:30 a. m., yesterday, a large audience being present to witness the exercises.

The Assembly opened with Holy Communion, administered by the rector, Rev. C. E. Woodson, assisted by Rev. J. P. Ribble, of Newport News.

Then followed the prayers of the order, at the conclusion of which the president, Mrs. J. P. McNair, of Norfolk, assumed the chair and the regular order of business followed.

Rev. C. E. Woodson, rector of St. Peter's church delivered the address of welcome. He said that St. Peter's chapter, the oldest in the diocese, was organized in 1891, by Mrs. C. W. Chatfield who is now a most active and energetic worker in the order and that the chapter extended a hearty welcome to the visiting Daughters and would esteem it a great pleasure to entertain them.

Rev. J. H. Dunn, of Suffolk, responded in highly appropriate remarks to the address of Mr. Woodson.

Rev. Dr. B. D. Tucker delivered a highly interesting address on the "Simplicity of the Aim of the Order." He was followed by Rev. W. W. Walker, of Franklin on the "Motto of the Order," the closing address being made by Rev. J. P. Ribble, of Newport News on the "Mission of the Order." The remarks of each speaker were punctuated with wholesome lessons.

Suggestive for the good of the order and the best methods for conducting Bible classes were made by visiting clergymen and delegates.

Miss Annie Pierce, Secretary of the Assembly, called the roll of chapters and the following responded: St. Paul's, Norfolk; St. Peter's, Norfolk; St. Peter's, Suffolk; and St. Paul's, Newport News.

The report of St. Peter's Chapter was read by Miss L. E. Townsend; St. Paul's Norfolk, by Miss Fannie Mundy; and that of St. Paul's Newport News, by Miss Anna Houghton.

The report and address of each were highly interesting and were heard with much pleasure.

At 3 o'clock p. m., the assembly took a recess for luncheon, which was served by the ladies of St. Peter's Chapter.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3 o'clock the Assembly was called to order by the President, Mrs. McNair, and the order of business resumed.

Miscellaneous business was taken up and disposed of. This was followed by the opening of the question box and many questions asked were satisfactorily answered.

NORTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON.

PROGRAM OF ITS MOVEMENTS FOR THE SUMMER—PRESENTATION TO THE KEARSARGE.

Admiral Farquhar's flag ship, the New York, and the battleship Texas, which are lying in Hampton Roads, will leave shortly before May 30 to join the North Atlantic Squadron. The summer movements of the squadron have been decided on.

It has been arranged that upon leaving Hampton Roads the ships shall proceed to New York, arriving there in time to give the annual salute off Grant's Tomb, in Riverside Park, May 30.

After some sitting out at the navy yard at New York the New York and Texas will proceed to Newport, R. I., where the Kearsarge will join them, and the three ships, with the torpedo flotilla, will work out some of the plans of the Naval War College, which will be in session at the time at Newport. This work will be undertaken about June 1. It will be concluded in time to enable the squadron to reach Boston before June 7 to take part in the celebration of the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill.

The ships will then proceed to Portsmouth, N. H., where the citizens have arranged a celebration on August 8, during which they will present to the battleship Kearsarge a bronze tablet, the gift of New Hampshire. The project includes the presentation of a similar tablet to the Kearsarge's sister ship, Alabama, and the Governor of Alabama will be invited to receive the tablet as a mark of the complete extinguishment of sectional feeling.

Seamen's Bethel Anniversary.

The seventy-fourth anniversary of the Norfolk Seamen's Bethel Society will be held at the Second Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when the annual report of the chaplain, Rev. J. B. Merritt, will be read and an address will be made by Rev. A. Coke Smith, D. D., of Epworth M. E. Church. A special program of exercises is being arranged for the meeting, which will be published later.

On Monday afternoon next at 5 o'clock the annual meeting of the society will be held and the business of the past year reviewed, which will be followed by the election of